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FREEDOM INDUSTRIES/WVAM/MCHM CLIPS

More data on MCHM spill released

<http://www.charlestdailymail.com/News/Kanawha/201403200072>

WVAW chief defends company's MCHM actions

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201403190310>

Water problem still keeping people away from Charleston

<http://www.wvgazette.com/News/201403190295>

MCHM Odor Lingers

<http://wvpublic.org/post/experts-say-lingering-odor-means-crude-mchm-remains-water-system>

Charleston Water Testing to Begin in May

<http://wvmetronews.com/2014/03/19/charlestons-water-testing-to-begin-in-may/>

West Virginia water crisis creates image crisis

<http://www.charlestdailymail.com/Business/201403190348>

<http://www.charlestdailymail.com/Opinion/Editorials/201403200268>

Symposium to be held in WV - "Protecting WV's Water: Legislation, Litigation and Lessons Learned"

<http://tinyurl.com/oj64bbh>

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OSC Dennis Matlock reported that Freedom Industries announced the Bankruptcy Officer appointed a Chief Reorganization Officer. He will ultimately replace the current facility president for future facility remediation decisions.

The facility continues to pump water from outside the containment wall. They have pumped out all liquid material from the fatty acid tanks. Only a small amount of fatty acid solid heels remain.

The facility is still pursuing testing for on-site treatment of the waste water stored in the large facility tanks. Approximately 50,000 gallons of wastewater remains in Poca storage tanks. This water contains maybe 4% MCHM. They are still pursuing the WVDEP for direct discharge permit of the clean water stored at the Freedom facility. Wastewater treatment facilities still refuse to accept any water, even though the most recent sample indicated non-detect for the water entering from outside the containment area. Tanks 404 and 405 have been emptied and cleaned for additional onsite water storage. Approximately 7,000 gallons is collected each day.

Remediation plan has been submitted to the WVDEP. Per WVDEP Order # 8034, the proposed work details the plan to dismantle above ground tanks, associated piping, machinery, and appurtenances associated with the bulk storage operations at the facility. Approval to begin is likely a few weeks away. The facility is currently planning to obtain three competitive bids from demolition contractors.